CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	23/08/16 (Image 6)
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1600717.005
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	New Zealand
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	14 October 2016
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	14 October 2016

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes and is therefore deemed to be objectionable under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The colour photograph depicts a young girl who is posed to display her nakedness. The image has a clear sexual intent and has no purpose other than the sexual arousal of viewers. The computer image file format facilitates distribution or trading among like-minded individuals. Such material creates or reinforces a sexual interest in young girls and encourages their sexual exploitation. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression as set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome consistent with Parliament's intention that publications which promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes are deemed to be objectionable.